

Suggested Remarks
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Launch of Fuel Ethanol
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- ◇ Honorable Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla, of
Department of Energy;
- ◇ Honorable Congressman Juan Miguel Zubiri,
Bukidnon Province;
- ◇ Mr. Mark Yu, Chief Finance Officer of SeaOil;
- ◇ Mr. Glenn Yu, President of SeaOil
- ◇ Guests and friends,
- ◇ Magandang Gabi!

USAID Supports Cleaner Fuels for Transport

- An important component of USAID's technical support to the Philippine government in the energy sector is aimed at promoting increased usage of alternative and renewable sources of fuel for transport.

- Amid the recent sharp increases in world oil prices, USAID lauds the government's policies and programs targeting reduced dependence on imported fuel oils.
- In addition to addressing the Philippine economy's growing appetite for fuel, the move towards alternative fuels also addresses the pressing problem of deteriorating urban air quality.

USAID's Clean Cities Program

- How exactly is USAID helping? Our Clean Cities Program, implemented by the U.S. Department of Energy, support Philippine efforts to promote cleaner and renewable energy for transport.

- Today, the Clean Cities Program is being implemented in over 100 cities around the world, and allows the sharing of experiences between cities and countries engaged in related reforms.

U.S. Energy Reforms

- And indeed, sharing lessons between our two countries is very timely. Earlier this month, President Bush signed a new Energy Bill into law. This new law includes important provisions aimed at promoting both ethanol and biodiesel.
- To quote from President Bush's speech delivered at the August 8 signing of the Bill:
"The bill also will lead to a greater diversity of fuels for cars and trucks. The bill includes tax incentives for producers of

ethanol and biodiesel. The bill includes a flexible, cost-effective renewable fuel standard that will double the amount of ethanol and biodiesel in our fuel supply over the next seven years. Using ethanol and biodiesel will leave our air cleaner. And every time we use a home-grown fuel, particularly these, we're going to be helping our farmers, and at the same time, be less dependent on foreign sources of energy." In another recent speech, President Bush likened our country's dependence on foreign oil to a foreign tax on the American Dream - a tax that is growing.

Sharing Experiences

- So, as you can see, our cities in America have much experience to share with the Philippines

as you face very similar and sometimes identical issues, and as you roll out your own efforts aimed at energy independence and cleaner air. And again, one way we are doing this is through our Clean Cities Program.

- With the Philippine Department of Energy as its partner agency, our Clean Cities Program has four pilot areas: Baguio, Davao, Marikina and Makati.
- The Program is anchored on a pro-active public-private partnership that seeks to inform, educate and communicate to the people the benefits of using alternative fuels.

Fuels for Life Movement

- As part of this effort, in June of this year, the Clean Cities Program launched the Fuels for Life Movement, a cadre of advocates that

can together work towards shared alternative fuels goals.

- Tonight is yet another showcase of the partnership between the Clean Cities Program team and the members of the Fuels for Life Movement.
- We at USAID hope that this launch will further build public awareness of ethanol as a viable and alternative fuel.
- And hopefully, in the near future, fuel ethanol will be sourced directly from the Philippines; resulting not only in tremendous foreign exchange savings, but also in the generation of badly needed jobs in the countryside.
- As it is with all types of change, the first increments are small, but as advocates pool their resources, work together, make

courageous business decisions, that change can accelerate, and develop momentum.

- Indeed, it is our hope that initial successes in the Clean Cities pilot areas can have a “ripple effect” in other cities and provinces, ultimately engulfing the entire country.

USAID Congratulates the PDOE and the Independent Oil Players

- In closing, USAID congratulates the Philippine Department of Energy and other members of Government for putting into place (or nearly into place) an enabling framework for their constituents to make informed choices.
- And it is with those constituents (the private sector) where most of the credit is due. So, to those who put their livelihoods on the line to produce, store, vend, and use these new

alternative fuels - the Private Sector, our most sincere congratulations.

- In particular tonight, we recognize the independent oil players (SeaOil, Flying V, Eastern Petroleum, and USA88) for their support in promoting the use of fuel ethanol as part of the country's solution to the escalating energy crisis, and urgent need to clean the air.
- Rest assured of USAID's continuous commitment as a committed Philippines development partner.
- Thank you and good evening.